AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity) Docket No. Applicant(s): Thomas P. Hansen HANP:101aUS Application No. Filing Date Customer No. Group Art Unit | Confirmation No. Examiner 10/708,982 April 5, 2004 Alexander S. Thomas 24041 1772 2981 RECYCLED RUBBER CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS MAR 2 0 2006 **COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:** Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED CLAIMS REMAINING HIGHEST# NUMBER EXTRA ADDITIONAL RATE AFTER AMENDMENT** PREV. PAID FOR **CLAIMS PRESENT** FEE **TOTAL CLAIMS** 19 \$25.00 \$0.00 20 0 X INDEP. CLAIMS \$100.00 \$0.00 3 3 0 = \$0.00 Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) \$0.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT X No additional fee is required for amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee is enclosed. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. Dated: March 16, 2006 Signature C. Richard Lohrman I certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class Registration No. 46,878 mail in an envelope addressed to "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Simpson & Simpson, PLLC Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" [37 CFR 1.8(a)] on 5555 Main Street March 16, 2006

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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated December 16, 2005 regarding the aboveidentified patent application. Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1-10 and 13-16 are rejected. Claims 11, 12, and 17 are objected to.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

The Current Status of the Claims is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.